



## Joint Commission Survey



When the Joint Commission Survey Team gathered with EMSH representatives pictured here, their parting words were, "We see no reason why you should not be Joint Commission Accredited."  
Thanks to all who have helped to get us this far. Let's carry on until that golden seal is ours!

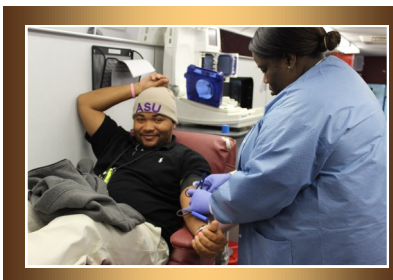


## Finding the **HERO** Within

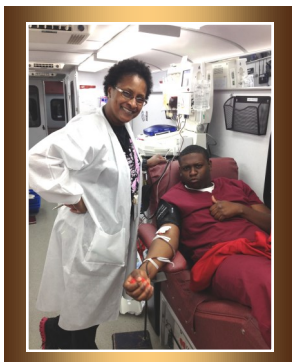
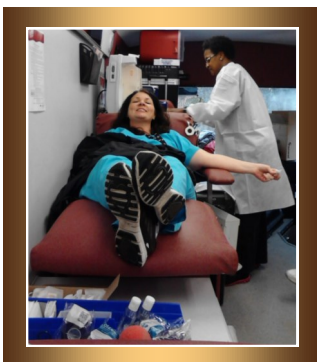
Thanks to all of the "Heroes" who gave the Gift of Life!



On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Meridian facility of United Blood Services closed due to corporate re-structuring and now area hospitals are going to be dependent on Bloodmobiles for collections. For us, that means that our Bloodmobile will be coming up from Hattiesburg to conduct on-site drives. Already we have established a relationship with Beverly Clark, Sr. Donor Representative for UBS, who contacted us earlier this fall about hosting a special Thanksgiving week drive here at EMSH. 25 co-workers found the hero within themselves on November 26<sup>th</sup> and gave the gift of life during our drive. Six of



the twenty-five heroes are pictured here. Derrick Stevens donates because his father once needed blood and he has never forgotten that. Melanie Howse has been donating since she was nineteen. She sees it as a quick and easy way to help those in need. Melanie is among those donors who can give double reds, a collection of both whole blood and red blood cells. Shun Brooks is another double red donor. Seane Walters looks excited about being a first time donor. Lasaundra Roberts and Chaney Hollingsworth got to the bus just before it rolled out, but the techs stayed on for two more draws.





## Horticulture Luncheon

EMSH Staff Show Thankfulness in Giving their Time



Earlier this month, Glenda Slay and her staff hosted their annual Horticulture luncheon to celebrate the hard work of IRS who, throughout the year, bring things to LIFE as a portion of therapeutic programming. "We are so fortunate that we are able to offer hands on educational practices that include working with nature," said Slay as she reflected on the excitement that this seasonal event brings to those we serve. "Throughout the year, everyone learns that something special is on the horizon for fall and the luncheon truly is a celebration of harvest." 100+ Main Campus IRS were served by volunteers who donated their lunch hour to give of themselves for others. JoAnn Knight and David Feldman got a jump-start on their Thanksgiving cooking by serving up bountiful portions of ham, turkey and dressing plus all the trimmings. In the spring, Horticulture students from RPW, JTC, and BASAC will gather to enjoy the "fruits and vegetables" of their labors by having a luncheon.

## EMSH Participates in MSU/MCC Job Fair



Over the past five years, the MSU Meridian/MCC November College & Job Fair has become the premier GO LOOK FIND opportunity to seek employment in the East Central Mississippi area. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, EMSH was one of 31 vendors on site to recruit for employees. We were well represented by a dedicated team that covered many of our disciplines. Pictured here are Theresa Miller, Curtis Jones, Diane Nobles and Dr. James Shumate as they finished up the day with the disbursement of over 100 applications. RPW's Director Of Nursing Darline Burnside was also one of our recruiters.

## On The Record



WTOK-TV welcomed Larry McKnight and Ann Glazar to their weekly *On The Record* segment this month to discuss the progress of our Joint Commission Accreditation efforts. When the invitation came to EMSH, News Anchor John Johnson had no clue what the process was all about, but with some careful prepping and serious studying, Johnson was prepared to ask pertinent questions and both McKnight and Glazar were able to inform the viewing audience of the necessity of EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL seeking the golden seal of Joint Commission. Should you wish to view a portion of the interview, you can by accessing

<http://www.wtok.com/home/headlines/232290921.html>

**Happy Birthday** to all of those who have or had birthdays in November. We apologize for the necessary omission of names in this issue of the *Insider*. Thank you for your patience & understanding.

*The Office of Public Information*



## Rewarding Reflections

At her monthly In-Service meeting with In-Patient Services (IPS) Environmental staff, Deborah Cherry, (pictured center front,) IPS Environmental Services Coordinator, presented certificates of appreciation to team members for their consistency in making sure that all areas assigned to them are in tip top shape at all times. Deborah referenced the Joint Commission Survey Team saying that they could see themselves



in the floors at ESMH, so she offered kudos in a tangible way on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Pictured here as they received their certificates are (left to right front row) Nicholas Smith, 2N; Mary Betts, 3S; Cherry; Nathan Carter, 3N; Cedric Truitt, 4N/S; Ernest Walker, 4S; (back row) Charles White, 2N; Russell Trotter, 2S; James Deviney, 4N; and Alfonso Lockhart, 3N. Not pictured are: Shirley Nettles, 3S, Dorothy Almond, and Elgene Ford, S Building. Assisting with the recognition ceremony was Hollis Hall, Psychology, 3N. Hollis created the certificates.



### Spotlight on Linda Grady

When people think of ESMH employee Linda Grady, they immediately pair her with Kemper County Group Homes; however, she began her career at East Mississippi State Hospital in the Medical Records Department on Main Campus in 1998. "Since I live in Kemper County, I saw an opportunity to work closer to home when Kemper 2, the female group home, opened so I put in for a transfer and since 2002, I have worked in all three group homes," said Linda as she was called upon to reminisce about her chosen vocation. "Currently, I am a supervisor in KGH 1 where daily I get to enjoy seeing the progress of former patients at East MS as they work hard to live independently on their own and enjoy being a part of a real community." Linda is known for following her KGH clients once they reach a level to truly live independently in area apartments or houses. When they leave KGH, she helps them shop for furnishings and clothes, encourages them to seek employment opportunities, and continues to stay in touch with them either by phone or personal visits. "I guess I just like to mother," she said when asked about holding on while letting go.

Earlier this year, Jimmie Butler assumed the duties of Community Living Supervisor and he had this to say about Linda, "Since transitioning to KGH, I have found Linda to be fair and firm with those she supervises and with me. If it's not right, she'll let you know! She is dependable, reliable, and a team player day in and day out."

As a Group Home supervisor, Linda is tasked with caring for all of her clients' daily needs. She schedules appointments, shops for food and clothing, assists them with paperwork, travels with them in times of need, and accompanies them on outings. None of these tasks are taken lightly and the clients know that if Linda is along, everything is going to go as planned.

"Moving community programming to Kemper County has been quite an adjustment this year," says Linda, "but we're making it work and during this season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful to have day to day opportunities to be of service."

### CALENDAR



**November 6<sup>th</sup>-December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
PERS Retirement Board Runoff  
**Cast your vote!**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>-  
December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Purchasing Power Shopping  
Limited Time Only!

(You must meet all criteria posted on flyer  
in News, News, News to shop)

**November 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

Thanksgiving Holidays

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

2013 ESMH Christmas Parade

Parade Line-Up @ 12:15 pm

Parade Start @ 1:00 pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Holidays

(pictured above is a November sky  
taken at ESMH's Main Campus)

